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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINS

SUBJECT: VIOLENCE IN BENGHAZI BETWEEN STUDENTS AND ARMED  
FORCES/POLICE.

1. EGYPTIAN AMABSSADOR CONFIRMED OTHER REPORTS  
OF WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE YESTERDAY IN BENGHAZI  
BETWEEN STUDENTS AND ARMED FORCES AND/OR POLICE. EVENTS  
FOLLOWED QADHAFI VISIT TO BENGHAZI CAMPUS ON APRIL 7TH.  
VIOLENCE REPORTEDLY SPREAD TO DOWNTOWN BENGHAZI AS  
STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO REPEAT JANUARY MOVE AGAINST ARAB  
SOCIALIST UNION HEADQUARTERS. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE  
THERE WERE CASUALTIES AMONG THE STUDENTS WHEN POLICE  
AND/OR ARMY OPENED FIRE, AND THAT SOME MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED.  
WE EXPECT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IS MAKING FULL REPORT TO  
CAIRO, AND THAT GOE WILL MAKE FULL ACCOUNT PUBLIC AS IT  
DID WITH VIOLENCE AT TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY DAY BEFORE.

2. LATE LAST NIGHT (ABOUT MIDNIGHT) LIBYAN TELEVISION  
CARRIED FIRST ACCOUNTS MADE PUBLIC OF THE TRIPOLI  
VIOLENCE. FILMS OF POLICE BEATING STUDENTS AND THE  
INJURED BEING CARRIED OFF IN AMBULANCES WERE SHOWN.  
COMMENT BY THE ANNOUNCER WAS TO EFFECT THAT THIS  
DEMONSTRATED THAT REVOLUTION WAS SERIOUS BUSINESS, AND  
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THAT FROM NOW ON ONLY "REVOLUTIONARY LEGALITY" WOULD

BE RESPECTED. WE ASSUME THAT FILMS WERE SHOWN ON  
QADHAFI'S ORDERS AND THAT INTENT WAS TO INTIMIDATE.  
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